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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES UNFAVORABLE LIBYAN COVERAGE

1. ALL PAPERS APRIL 23 REPORT GOE SCOLDING OF LIBYAN AMBASSADOR FOR RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT (CAIRO 5345). LIBYAN HAS BEEN ASKED TO SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY ALL WEAPONS IN HIS POSSESSION AND CLEAN UP HIS DIPLOMATIC ACT. ACCORDING TO PRESS, GOE WARNED THAT ANY REPETITION OF GUNPLAY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LEGAL ACTION, INCLUDING RECONSIDERATION HIS IMMUNITY.

2. PRESS CONTINUES TRAIN JAUNDICED EYE ON LIBYAN DOINGS WITH EMPHASISON REPRESSIVE NATUREOF REGIME. STORY OF ARREST OF 200 LIBYAN OFFICERS CAME OUT AGAIN, THIS TIME FROM MUHAYSHI, AND TUNISIAN TRIALCOVERAGE GOES ON. NEW GRIST FOR MILL WAS AHRAM STORY REPORTING MANDATORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLIDAY AND PRO-QADHAFI DEMONSTRATION IN BENGHAZI ON

ORDERS "SECRET POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE". MERCHANTS ALLEGEDLY SHAKEN DOWN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO REPAIR DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNIVERSITY STUDENT RIOTS. STUDENTS ALSO ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART DEMONSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT; 12 STUDENTS REPORTED ARRESTED.

3. BRIEF ITEM BURIED PAGE 4 AKHBAR REPORTS JORDAN AND LIBYA HAVE AGREED TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SEVERED SINCE 1970.

4. COMMENT: RESUMPTION OF JORDANIAN -LIBYAN TIES PROBABLY COMES AS UNPLEASANT SURPRISE TO GOE, AS TENTATIVE TREATMENT OF THIS NEWS WOULD SEEM INDICATE. AS GOE PUZZLES OUR REASONS FOR WHAT MUST SEEM TO THEM AS UNPRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT EVEN FOR JORDAN, THEY MAY WELL COME TO SEE IT AS LIBYAN INSPIRED EFFORT TO KEEP EGYPT AND JORDAN APART, THEREBY RELATIVELY STRENGTHENING SYRIANS VIS-A-VIS EGYPT. AT SAME TIME GOE'S SOUR VIEW OF HUSAIN AS MINOR LEAGUER WHO HAS DANGEROUSLY GOTTEN OVER HIS HEAD IN MEDDLE EAST ISSUES WILL BE STRENGTHENED. THEY LIKELY DETECT STRONG ELEMENT OF SPITE IN GOJ DECISION, AS WELL AS JORDANIAN DESIRE FOR ACCESS TO LIBYAN TREASURY.

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